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SUBJ: REVIEW OF TENTATIVE AGENDA AND ITINERARY FOR EURO-  
PEAN VISIT OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 1, 1978

1. ATTENTION: COMMERCIAL AND SCIENCE OFFICERS  
REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CONSULTATIONS AND FAC,LITY  
INSPECTIONS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN RESOURCE RECOVERY ACTIVI-  
TIES PREPARATORY TO THE "FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
INDUSTRIAL/MUNICIPAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AND UTILIZATION COM-  
PLEXES"--DETROIT, MICHIGAN--FALL 1979.

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2. REQUEST EMBASSIES REVIEW TENTATIVE AGENDA AND ITINERARY  
FOR OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 1 VISIT BY DR. SIDNEY R. GALLER,  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, COM-  
MERCE, AND ROBERT B. GRANT, SENIOR POLICY SPECIALIST, OFFICE  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, COMMERCE, AND PROVIDE COMMENTS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADDITIONAL CONTACTS WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL  
FOR UPCOMING VISIT BY AUGUST 31, 1978. AS SOON AS WE HAVE

RECEIVED COMMENTS, WE WILL DEVELOP PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR TRIP AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

3. RESOURCE RECOVERY CONFERENCE BACKGROUND: UNDER THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT OF 1976 (RCRA), THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE IS DIRECTED TO:

- ENCOURAGE GREATER COMMERCIALIZATION OF PROVEN RESOURCE RECOVERY TECHNOLOGY,
- PUBLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS RECOVERED FROM WASTE,
- IDENTIFY THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF EXISTING OR POTENTIAL MARKETS FOR RECOVERED MATERIALS,
- IDENTIFY THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO THE USE OF RECOVERED MATERIALS,
- ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW USES FOR RECOVERED MATERIALS,
- EVALUATE THE COMMERCIAL FEASIBILITY OF RECOVERY FACILITIES, AND
- DEVELOP DATA TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION OF RECOVERY SYSTEMS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS IS PLANNING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR 1979 ON INDUSTRIAL/MUNICIPAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AND UTILIZATION COMPLEXES. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO SEARCH FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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WAYS TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN RESOURCE RECOVERY AND REUSE FACILITIES THAT WILL ENHANCE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASE UTILIZATION OF RECOVERED MATERIALS, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND PROMOTE MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF ENERGY RESOURCES IN OUR SOCIETY.

5. THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL RUN FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF WORKING DAYS WITH AN ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE OF 300 PARTICIPANTS IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN, IN THE FALL OF 1979.

6. THE CONFERENCE PLAN WILL BE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE INTERACTION AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS WHICH WILL INCLUDE SELECTED PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF CITIES, COUNTIES, METROPOLITAN REGIONAL BODIES, AND STATES; DIRECTING OFFICIALS OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS; SENIOR OFFICERS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; AND DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN BUSINESS INVESTORS. FOREIGN REPRESENTATION ON THE PROGRAM AND PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE PLAN.

7. TENTATIVE ITINERARY AND AGENDA FOLLOWS:

FRANCE--

ARRIVE PARIS/OCTOBER 15

LEAVE PARIS, ARRIVE NICE/OCTOBER 17

LEAVE NICE/OCTOBER 19

8. VISITATIONS--FRANCE

MME J. ALOISI DE LARDEREL

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR WASTE PROBLEMS

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND LIVING CONDITIONS;

AND

MR. N. CLAMEN

PERMANENT SECRETARY, RAW MATERIALS AND ECONOMIES

MINISTRY FOR INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH

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9. CANDIDATE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES--FRANCE

--MARTIN FACILITIES, PARIS

--MARTIN FACILITIES, NICE

10. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED--FRANCE

ROLE OF PRODUCT STANDARDS AND TAXES IN RESOURCE RECOVERY/  
SOURCE SEPARATION OF PAPER.

11. ITALY

ARRIVE ROME/OCTOBER 19

LEAVE ROME/OCTOBER 23

12. VISITATIONS--ITALY

DR. V. PANUNZIO

PRESIDENT OF THE ECOLOGY AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

MINISTRY FOR INDUSTRY;

AND

DR. E. PANETTA

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

13. CANDIDATE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES--ITALY

--VON ROLL FACILITY, ROME

14. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED--ITALY

MUNICIPAL REFUSE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY

15. DENMARK

ARRIVE COPENHAGEN/OCTOBER 23

LEAVE COPENHAGEN/OCTOBER 25

16. VISITATIONS--DENMARK

MR. E. MOLTKE

HEAD OF DIVISION

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MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT;  
AND  
MR. S. SEITZBERG  
DIRECTOR, REZHOLDNINGSOELKABET

17. CANDIDATE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES--DENMARK  
BRUUN AND SORENSEN FACILITIES, ARHUS

18. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED--DENMARK  
(1) RESTRICTIONS OF RETURNABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS; VOLUN-  
TARY INDUSTRY ACTIONS AND TAXES, (2) RESOURCE RECOVERY  
LEGISLATION, (3) GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF SECONDARY  
MATERIALS, AND (4) WASTE TO ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR SMALL AND  
MODERATE SIZED MUNICIPALITIES

19. WEST GERMANY  
ARRIVE BONN/OCTOBER 25  
LEAVE BONN, ARRIVE BERLIN/OCTOBER 27  
LEAVE BERLIN/OCTOBER 31

20. VISITATIONS--WEST GERMANY  
DR. G. FELDHAUS  
DIRECTOR OF NOISE, AIR, WATER AND WASTE DIVISION  
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR;  
AND  
HERR W. LOTZ  
HEAD OF DIVISION  
MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

21. CANDIDATE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES--WEST GERMANY  
--VOLUND FACILITIES, BONN  
--VKW FACILITIES (4), BERLIN

22. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED--WEST GERMANY  
(1) 1972 WASTE DISPOSAL LAW (2) SUBSIDIES AND DISPOSAL  
CHANGES (3) VOLUNTARY INDUSTRY USE OF SECONDARY MATERIALS,  
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AND (4) TECHNOLOGY FOR LARGE RESOURCE RECOVERY UNITS

23. NETHERLANDS  
ARRIVE AMSTERDAM/OCTOBER 31  
LEAVE AMSTERDAM/NOVEMBER 1

24. VISITATIONS--NETHERLANDS

DR. J. H. ERASMUS  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
MINISTRY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
CHAIRMAN, WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY GROUP,  
OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE;  
AND  
MR. J. W. WECK  
HEAD, DIVISION OF HYGIENE AND ENVIRONMENT  
MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

25. CANDIDATE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY--NETHERLANDS  
MARTIN FACILITIES, AMSTERDAM

26. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED--NETHERLANDS  
(1) 1976 CHEMICAL WASTE AND USED OIL ACT (2) 1977 WASTE  
MATERIALS ACT

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SIDNEY R. GALLER  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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